

The Times' Daily Short Story.

A CASE OF MANIA

(Original.)
"Is that Dr. Hamilton at the phone?"
"Yes, I am Dr. Hamilton."
"Mrs. Ward wants you to come to her immediately. She is very ill!"
"All right. I'll go at once."

"Confound it!" exclaimed the doctor as he hung up the receiver and returned to a party of bachelors he was entertaining at dinner. He had that very day declined an invitation from this Mrs. Ward, a wealthy young widow, to escort her to the opera, his excuse being that he had a patient in charge whom he could not leave. The real cause of his declining was that a college classmate had come to town and the doctor desired to give him a stag dinner at his house.

"You fellows keep the ball rolling," he said. "I've got a call and must leave you for awhile. Patrick, keep the gentlemen well supplied with wine. There's a fresh box of cigars in the sideboard."

Dr. Hamilton was in too much of a hurry to get back to the party to wait for his own horse and fortunately found a passing cab. In ten minutes he was at Mrs. Ward's. He found her in a lounge in the library dressed in dinner costume, a lamp with a rose tinted shade standing on a table beside her, casting a very becoming light on her face. The doctor advanced and, taking her wrist between his fingers, looked at her searchingly.

"What's the trouble?" he asked.
"I don't know. After dinner I was seized with a very singular feeling."

"Where?"
"In the ears."

The doctor removed the shade from the lamp and, taking a little glass from his instrument satchel, threw concentrated rays of light into the widow's left ear. Finding nothing unusual there, he examined the other ear.

"It's quite possible," he said, "that a tiny bug crawled into your ear and crawled out again. You hear nothing unusual now?"

"No, I haven't heard anything unusual."
"Then what was the sensation?"
"A terrible longing."

"Longing for what?"
"There it is again!" And a tremor ran over her shapely frame.

The doctor, thinking that it might be a symptom of insanity, looked steadily into her eye. It was clear as a bell, soft and liquid, as it met his. There was not even the slightest indication of nerve tension. The doctor was puzzled.

"I'm afraid I'm going to lose my mind, doctor," said the patient.
"Why so?"

"I have paroxysms in which I feel that I must hear, harmonious sounds."

"What was the trouble, doctor?"
"A unique case of mania."

"Patient out of danger?"
"Quite recovered. Temperature normal, skin soft, lips moist."

"What was your treatment?"
"Administered a sedative through the ear."

"F. A. MITCHELL."

Dr. Wentz informed him that if he would bring back a letter from his son or some evidence that his son was still alive he would then consider the proposition.

The man said he would do so and that night left on a Louisville and Nashville train for Knoxville, Va., from which place he went into Stony Mountain.

The stranger has just returned to Big Stone Gap bringing a letter from young Wentz, who, in his own handwriting, assures his family that he is alive, is being held captive and asks that they at once pay the ransom and effect his release.

J. S. Wentz has left here for Philadelphia. When the negotiations are to be completed and Edward L. Wentz restored to his family cannot now be told.

Wentz Not Kidnaped.
Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 7.—A special to the Sentinel from Jonesville, Va., says that it is reliably reported there that E. L. Wentz, the missing millionaire, has been located in the mountains of Kentucky. While near Kelley View, it is said, he met a party of northern friends on a camping tour and turkey hunt. They invited him to join their party and he consented.

It is said E. L. Wentz has written a postal card to his brother, D. H. Wentz, from a mountain post office, making this explanation of his sudden departure. It is said he is continuing with the party.

New Ultimatum For the Sultan.
Constantinople, Nov. 7.—In consequence of the Porte's reply pleading the superiority of the new reform scheme for Macedonia on the ground that Turkey is carrying out the proposals previously agreed to, it is believed that Austria and Russia will send an ultimatum giving the Turkish government a fixed term within which to accept the proposals and that in the event of another refusal, the two powers will take steps to compel Turkish action.

Massacre of Germans Confirmed.
Cape Town, Cape Colony, Nov. 7.—Official advices received here fully confirm the massacre at Warmbad, Damara-land, southwest Africa, by the Bondelswahr tribesmen. The Germans gallantly fought to the end, but were overwhelmed. It is believed that none of them escaped. Warmbad was burned.

Fourth Class Postmasters.
Washington, Nov. 7.—The following fourth class postmasters have been appointed:
New York—West Kendall, L. B. Root, Pennsylvania—Elton, Albert H. Griffin; Long Valley, Mary B. Daugherty.

chief detective under whose directions the great search was being carried on in the mountains of southwest Virginia and eastern Kentucky. The strange man told them that E. L. Wentz was still alive and that for \$100,000 he would be delivered to his family.

BRYAN IS DISAPPOINTED

Judge Cleveland Rules Against Him In Bennett Will Case.

SEALED LETTER EXCLUDED.

Not Admitted to Probate, but May Be Left Open For Appeal—No Undue Influence on Part of Mr. Bryan.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 7.—Judge Livingston W. Cleveland of the probate court has handed down a decision in the Philo S. Bennett will case holding that the secret letter directing Mrs. Bennett, the widow, to pay William J. Bryan \$50,000 was not part of the will. The effect of this is to prevent Mr. Bryan from obtaining the money mentioned in the letter unless the present decision is reversed by a higher court or unless he should be successful in legal proceedings against Mrs. Bennett in the event the \$50,000 should be paid under clause 12 of the will, which reads as follows:

"Twelfth.—I give and bequeath unto my wife, Grace Imogene Bennett, the sum of \$50,000, in trust, however, for the purposes set forth in a sealed letter which will be found with said will."

The text of the letter was made public at due of the hearings on the will. Mr. Bryan was not present when the decision was announced, but his attorneys said he would undoubtedly appeal from Judge Cleveland's decision. The text of the decision includes about 2,500 words. In it the court, after reviewing the evidence, says:

"The testimony of Mr. Dewell, who had known him for a quarter of a century, shows that the testator was a sharp, able business man, a man of decided opinions, from which he was not easily turned aside. But whatever presumption if any might be raised by reason of Mr. Bryan's drafting the will has been, in the opinion of the court, abundantly overcome by the evidence. Mr. Bryan testifies that the idea of a bequest in his favor, so far from being suggested by him or Mrs. Bryan, was a complete surprise to both, a statement in which the court has entire confidence in view of Mr. Bryan's frankness on the witness stand and his evident desire to fully disclose all his relations with the testator and all the circumstances surrounding the drafting of the will. It must also be remembered that the testator had ample opportunity to cancel his will at any time during the last three years of his life and without the knowledge of Mr. Bryan."

Mr. Bennett did not in his will forget any of his heirs-at-law and made ample provision for the support of his wife. Taking the total amount of the specific legacies in connection with his estimate of the residue as expressed in the sealed letter, he evidently thought he was giving his wife \$100,000 or more absolutely out of an estate which he apparently thought would approximate \$300,000. The Bryans were not the only legatees outside of the widow and his heirs-at-law, but the testator, besides making liberal public and charitable bequests, made generous provision for relatives who would have received nothing but for the will. Measured by Mr. Bennett's devotion to Mr. Bryan and to the principles for which both had contended, the bequest of \$50,000 to the Bryans, to take effect after the testator's death, does not seem more unusual than the gift of \$2,000 offered to Mr. Bryan while they were comparative strangers and actually paid during Mr. Bennett's life."

No Undue Influence.
This court finds that neither the twelfth clause of the will nor the letter therein referred to was procured by undue influence."

The other question to be considered is whether the letter contained in a sealed envelope and referred to in the twelfth clause of the will was so incorporated by reference as to be made a part of the will. Even though the law in this state is, as it seems to be in most jurisdictions, that such a paper, under certain conditions, may be incorporated by reference, this letter is objected to on other grounds. Even if it be conceded that the twelfth clause in this will refers to the extraneous paper as being in existence at the time of the execution of the will, the authorities agree that the paper referred to must in fact be in existence at the time of the execution of the will."

Was the letter in the sealed envelope in existence at the time of the execution of the will? This question is answered by the first sentence of the letter itself. It reads: "In my will, just executed, I have bequeathed to you," etc. True the typewritten draft was prepared in Nebraska two or three days before the execution of the will, but this typewritten draft was not designed to be the letter to be referred to in the will and cannot be considered as such."

Letter Cannot Be Probated.
Page, in his work on wills, 155, states the law as follows: "The reference in the will to the document already in existence is not conclusive. It must be shown further that the document sought to be incorporated was, in fact, in existence at the time of the execution of the will. * * * Where the document referred to is written after the will is executed, even if immediately after and on the same day, it cannot be regarded as part of the will."

In view of the plain recital in the letter itself it is difficult to see how, without an utter disregard of the authorities, this letter can be incorporated into the will, and this court therefore finds that the sealed letter cannot be admitted to probate as a part of the will. It is not, however, the province of this court in probating a will to construe its provisions; hence the twelfth clause, whether operative or not, will be admitted to probate as a part of the will, and in thus refusing to probate the sealed letter as a part of the will, this court does not wish to be understood as expressing any opinion as to whether the letter without being probated can have any legal effect as a declaration of the trust attempted to be created by the twelfth clause of the will."

Justice Martine Dies Suddenly.
Oneonta, N. Y., Nov. 7.—Burr Martine, justice of the supreme court of the Sixth judicial district, has died suddenly. He had been in ill health for some months, but the immediate cause of death was an apoplectic shock. He was born in Jefferson, Schenectady county, July 10, 1836, entered the public school of Oneonta when fifteen years of age, was admitted to the bar in 1870 and in 1890 he was elected justice of the supreme court of the Sixth judicial district, having been appointed by Governor Morton the previous year to fill a vacancy in that office. He leaves a widow.

PARKS AGAIN SENTENCED.

Walking Delegate's Second Journey to Sing Sing.

New York, Nov. 7.—Samuel J. Parks, the walking delegate of the House-Smiths and Bridgemen's union, recently convicted of extorting \$500 from the Tiffany studios, the money being paid to call off a strike, has been sentenced to serve two years and three months in state prison at hard labor.

The sentence was pronounced by Judge Newburger in part four, general sessions, who said in pronouncing sentence that he would take into consideration the physical condition of the prisoner. Parks is said to be afflicted with tuberculosis.

The prisoner wore a white sweater and seemed very much dejected.

This is the second time that Parks has been found guilty of extortion. The first time was when he was convicted of having extorted \$200 from Josephus Plentz, a Hoboken contractor. Parks was sentenced to serve not less than two and one-half years and not more than three and one-half years in prison, but got out of prison on a certificate of reasonable doubt secured by his counsel.

Mr. Osborne said that he would not apply for a certificate of reasonable doubt in the latter case, but would in all probability appeal.

Bank Cashier a Defaulter.

Newark, N. J., Nov. 7.—H. J. Hoover, until recently cashier of the Licking County bank and two years ago assistant cashier of the People's National bank, has made a partial confession to People's bank officials that he is a defaulter to the amount of about \$30,000. He said he had been manipulating the bank's books for ten years and by reason of his connection with the other bank succeeded in replacing funds so as to escape detection until Harry P. Scott, bookkeeper, discovered it two years ago, and for friendship for Hoover did not make the defalcation public.

Von Sternburg About to Return.

Berlin, Nov. 7.—Baron von Sternburg, the German ambassador to the United States, has disposed of the business connected with his Saxon estate, which brought him home. He will probably be received in audience by the emperor Tuesday. The ambassador sails for New York Nov. 17 on the steamer Kronprinz Wilhelm of the North German Lloyd line. He said he had not had an operation for aural trouble and that he did not intend to submit to such an operation.

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Alleged Train Wrecker Arrested.

Chicago, Nov. 7.—Gustave Berger, who has been arrested with his brother and sister charged with a number of crimes, is said by the police to have been identified as the man who last week shot Locomotive Fireman Louis Ernst of the Chicago and Northwestern railway. Ernst was fireman on the St. Paul limited and was shot while working in the cab not far from Chicago. Next morning a number of sticks of dynamite were found along the track where the shooting occurred. It is believed that an attempt was made to hold up the train.

Heavy Snow at Farmer, N. Y.

Farmer, N. Y., Nov. 7.—The heaviest snowstorm so early in the season prevails here. Over three inches of snow has already fallen, and it is still snowing. The mercury is at 30 above zero.

Dies of Football Injuries.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 7.—Frank Shanklin, captain of the Hanover college football team last year, has died at a hospital here from injuries received in a practice scrimmage on Hanover field five weeks ago. He lived at Franklin, Ind.



EDWARD L. WENTZ.